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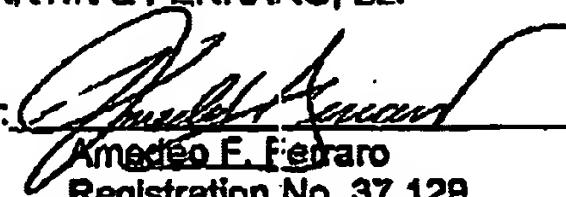
Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a reply to the Office Action dated July 2, 2004 in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required.
- Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time to respond to the above office action.
- The total amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the three-month extension fee is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1066.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies of fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1066. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims
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Respectfully submitted,
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